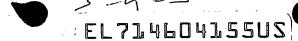
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	10/009.695
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	consider filing a continued prosecution application(CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Patent Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.	
1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114	
l ''	a. ⊠ Previously submitted	
	i M Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on Abauary 29, 2003	
	(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).	
	ii.   Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on	
	iii.   Other	
1	b. ⊠ Enclosed	
	i.   Amendment/Reply	
	ii.	
	iii.   Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
	iv.   Other	
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2.	Miscellaneous  Grant of action of the phase identified application is requested under 37 C.F.P. \$1.103(a) for	
	a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) follows a period ofmonths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)	
	b: Other	
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
I -	a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to	
	Deposit Account No. 07-1725.	
	i.    RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)	
	ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
	iii. Other	
	b. Check in the amount of \$enclosed	
	c. Payment by credit card (form PTO-2038 enclosed)	
	/ SIGNATURE OF ARPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to

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